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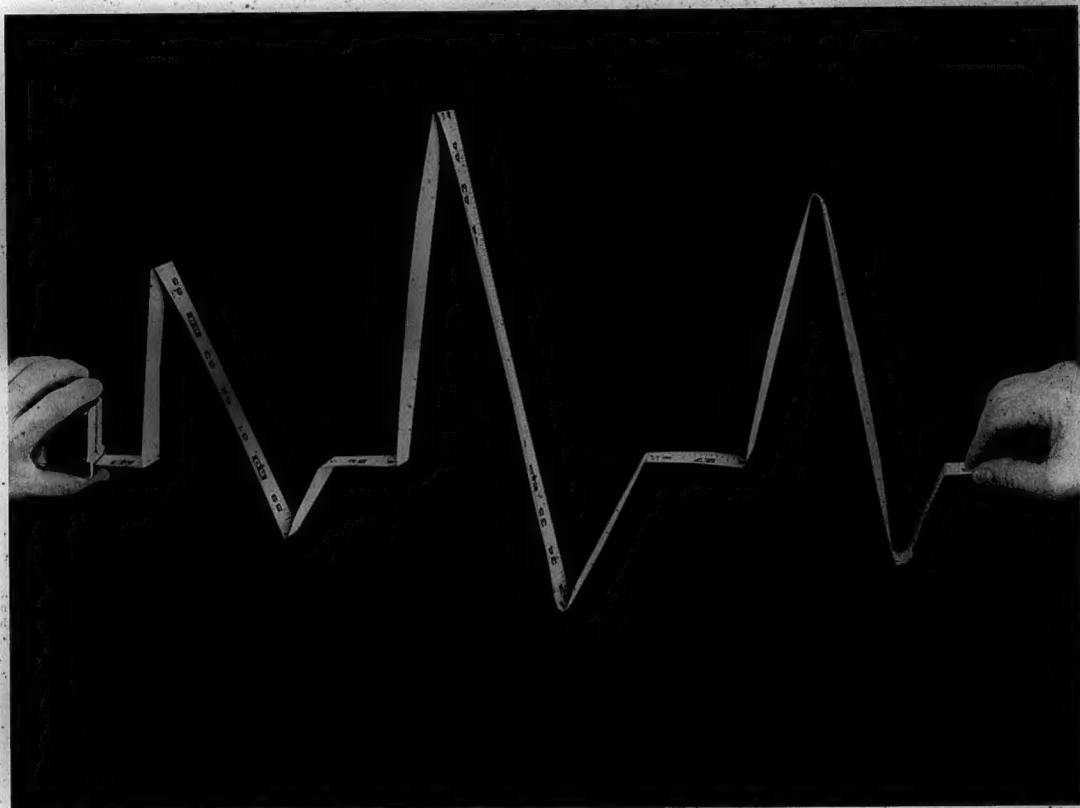
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Lucky or not, black-eyed peas and greens are good for you!



Katrina Elksen peas and greens are often eaten "for luck" on New Year's Day. I have long been curious about just why eating black-eyed peas is considered lucky. Of course, if the peas are

prepared properly with fresh onions and green peppers, I would consider myself lucky to eat them on any day of the year. Still, how did they get connected with New Year's Day?

A search of the encyclopedia, followed by an Internet search brought me no closer to the answer. One Internet source noted that circular foods are consumed on New Year's Day in some cultures to recognize the circle of life. For this reason, the Dutch eat donuts "for luck" on Jan. 1.

Black-eyed peas aren't exactly circular, but the black eye portion does make a kind of cir-

cle. If any of my readers know other reasons black-eyed peas are lucky, please let me know. (Email at kelsken@kelsken.com or write to Katrina Elksen c/o Healthier Life, P.O. Box 639, Okeechobee, Fla. 34973).

Consuming black-eyed peas may be lucky for your health. They contain no fat or cholesterol (remember, cholesterol is just another word for animal fat, so no vegetables contain the stuff). A quarter cup serving of black-eyed peas has nine grams of protein, 10 grams of fiber, 2 percent of the USDA Minimum Recommended Daily Allowance for Calcium and 15

percent of the MRDA for iron.

Greens, in their many forms, are high in B vitamins. So combining black-eyed peas and greens in a single meal is a great start for a healthy diet.

Not everyone, however, can benefit from these New Year's treats. If you are on prescription medication, check with your doctor about what foods you must avoid. For example, those on blood thinners must often avoid green, leafy vegetables.

Before the next new year rolls around, I'll check on the nutritional benefits of these lucky donuts!

If you made a New Year's res-

olution to lose weight, you might want to check out "Prevention's Fight Fat Plan," by the editors of Prevention magazine. The authors point out that going on fad diets may leave you less healthy and fatter than ever.

For example, the authors caution against skipping meals: "Skipping meals can slow your metabolism by as much as 5 percent. That's because an empty stomach makes your brain think that your body is hungry. The brain then turns down your body's fat-burning thermostat." In other words, skipping meals causes you to store fat, while

eating frequent meals and snacks causes you to burn it.

How do you lose weight? Their answer is the combination of a sensible, healthy diet and an exercise plan that includes both aerobic and strengthening exercises.

Check with your local library for this and other books about health and nutrition.

Never make changes in your diet or exercise plans without first checking with your own doctor. This is especially important if you are on any prescription medications or have known health problems.

Have a happy and healthy New Year!

ER Chronicles: This is it for me, doc



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

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"I just don't know what to do."

Marjorie's thinning white hair sent a wisp down across her forehead as she looked up at the doctor. Her stooped frame sat uncomfortably on the stiff chair beside her elderly husband.

"We've been married 63 years, and I've always taken care of him...of whatever he needed. But, now..." Her voice trailed off, and a tear dropped from a wrinkled cheek as she gazed longingly in his direction. "I just can't do it anymore. It's too hard."

Emergency physician Tommy Cortez stood beside Marjorie. She saw the sadness on Marjorie's face, and watched as she massaged the arthritic thumb on her left hand.

"Ma'am, let's talk about what kind of trouble you're having, and how he's been doing lately."

Cortez put one hand on Marjorie's shoulder, then looked over at the ER bed where the frail old man rested. He was motionless, and the only sound from him was a raspy puff with each breath.

"Well, Dr. Cortez, you know he has cancer."

"Yes, I know," Cortez responded. She remembered Marjorie and her husband from a previous ER visit last month. "Well, doctor, he's just getting so weak. You know, I can't even get him up from the bed any more." She hesitated. "You know, he says he doesn't want anything else done to him, no machines or anything."

"I know, Marjorie. It looks like he's been losing weight. Is he eating much?"
Marjorie shook her head slowly back and forth as she bit her quivering lower lip.

"Almost nothing, Dr. Cortez."

What am I going to do?"

Cortez smiled, then turned back to the bed beside her. She directed her next questions to the feeble, bald man whose eyes were resting closed in their sunken sockets.

"Sir, are you having any pain anywhere?"

There was a silence that Cortez was almost ready to interrupt when she was stopped by a soft, weak voice.

"No, Doc. He didn't open his eyes."

"Are you having any trouble breathing?"

Another pause, then, "Not really." It was barely more than a whisper.

"What does Dr. Fabian say about your lung cancer, Sir?"

This time there was no response to the question about his oncologist. Cortez waited.

"Sir," she said after a couple of minutes. She waited again.

Then, his heavy upper eye lids rose up. He looked out from his cachectic temples, and caught Cortez straight in the

eyes.

"There's nothing else," he said with a stuttering cadence, "that he...can do." Then, with a sudden squinting of his thin face, he added, "This is it for me, Doc."

He closed his eyes again. Cortez heard a snuffle coming from Marjorie. She felt sympathy for this couple, and sensed the hopelessness and the resignation that this man was accepting so sincerely.

Cortez listened to his heart and lungs, and prodded softly into his abdomen with her hands, knowing that she was really doing this to allow herself to feel as though there was some contribution she could make in this impossible situation.

Cortez took a deep breath, then turned back to Marjorie.

"Do you have any help at home...taking care of him?"

"No," Marjorie responded softly. "I want to take care of him myself. We don't have any family, but I...I want..."

"I know, Marjorie," Cortez said with an understanding tone. "Really, Marjorie, I don't know how you've managed to do this as long as you have. You're a brave woman." Excusing herself from the room, Cortez returned to her desk.

She made two phone calls, and within a few minutes, she was introducing two women to Marjorie.

"Marjorie, I think these friends can help. This is Marti from our Social Services Department, and this is Teresa from the area Hospice group."

"Hi," Marjorie looked up at the two women, now with a glimmer of hope in her eyes.

Cortez backed out of the room as Teresa squatted down beside Marjorie, and she overheard the Hospice nurse's first comment.

"Marjorie, you're not in this alone any more." She took Marjorie's hand. "We'll all get through this together."

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Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fcep.org



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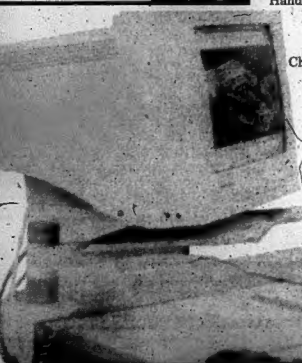
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Pahokee being taken over by Sheriff's Department?

"I hear a lot of people talking around town in Pahokee about the police department and how crime has soared. It's everywhere, folks, it's everywhere."

Some people talk about how the Sheriff's Department can do this and the Sheriff's Department can do that, well it's my understanding on these homicides, they are being turned over to the Sheriff's Department. How many of these have been solved by the sheriff's office?

Another thing, some people want the sheriff's office to take over in Pahokee. You won't get the funeral escorts. You won't get the personal services from the Sheriff's Department that you get from the Pahokee Police Department."

So, city commissioners, if you would entertain the idea of getting rid of the police department, like so many other services you have already done, I think it's a sad mistake, but you're gonna do what you're gonna do. Thank you."

Rev. Davis and wife to be commended to alerting public

"I was very impressed with the Rev. Clifford Davis and his wife, Doris. It takes a man with backbone, honesty, good intentions and holy ambition to go on national television and talk like they did. They informed the public about this scam of the century, The Winner's Circle."

I know this preacher to be honest and helpful to hundreds of people. I do not believe he is looking for sympathy. He is informing the people and warning them to be aware of The Winner's Circle."

When he realized that things were not going well, he discouraged me and quite a number of ministers and pastors from join-

ing.

Even though the Davis' lost their investment, they didn't want anyone else to suffer the same fate. They are to be commended for what they did.

Thank God for them. May God bless them."

City has new insurance carrier

"I'm a long-standing City of Belle Glade employee. I've always supported the city's decisions, until now."

Why has the city all of a sudden changed insurance carriers and after all this time, Palms West Hospital is no longer covered under our insurance?

Not a big deal for some, but for others this means changing doctors. With a spouse and a child this is quite a burden."

Tell me, how many pediatricians are there in Belle Glade anyway? We shop here, and you even make some employees live here. Why can't we get the needed health care here?

Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining about the health care in Belle Glade."

Things were great until the penny-pinchers at city hall decided to save a few bucks and switch our insurance."

Great idea, especially since none of the decision-makers has a child."

Now, I have to burden you to take the time off to take my child to the doctor in West Palm Beach. Either way the city loses, right?

I would rather have good insurance than to have to call out sick. I can't wait to hear the city's response to this. I hope you have your hip boots on."

In the future, please let's think before you pinch."

Editor's note: Many companies are changing insurance providers to try to save money for themselves as well as their employees because the cost of health insurance is skyrocketing. City Manager W. Shelton Smith said the city was required to change to CAPP/Beech Street network, because they were notified that as a consequence of the sale of Anthem Insurance Company, the Florida Health Network would no longer be available.

Still paying after all this time

"I'm calling in hopes that some law enforcement agency or officer, can respond to this."

I would like to know why, after a person has committed a crime and done their time, it is still held against them?"

For example, if I had robbed a bank and

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"HE WATCHES WHAT HE EATS ALL RIGHT, MOTHER. HE WATCHES IT FROM THE PLATE TO HIS MOUTH."

A thought for today

The following poem was sent by Robbie Everett of Pahokee who found this on the internet and felt it might be something for Pahokee residents to consider in the wake of the homicides. While the content doesn't completely mirror what's been happening in Pahokee, it is food for thought."

Sitting here quietly, a tear rolls down my cheek.

This little town I live in is growing so weak. This crazy place I live in is just beginning to make me think.

So many people are dying. I wonder, can I even blink?

It's a shame; so many people are dying. You turn the corner, on the street they are lying.

Some jealous "animal" murdered those innocent men.

This is incredible animosity; this is an incredible sin.

I sit here and count, one, two, not three but four!

Dead people lying on our city floor. Is there anything we can do to stop this? Nope, no one will speak.

And yet another tear rolls down my cheek. Silence amongst the streets, no one is talking.

Yet another killer is out on the streets walking.

He walks by, nods his head, and shakes your hand.

I know this is not what our Lord had planned. Every day it is justice that our country serves.

But no one will speak, to give these animals what they deserve.

I'm sure there are people who have the answers to these mysteries.

And it is you and only you who can relieve this place of its miseries.

Speaking of mysteries, where is our city detective?

tive?

I know the city police is doing what they can to be protective.

But it's not only the protection that we need around here.

We need a detective to get these investigations in gear.

I'm not putting the police force down in any way.

Because these types of things don't normally happen every day.

But now it's getting ridiculous, so something needs to be done.

We've got to put this to an end; it's not going to be fun.

And I would like to thank the sheriffs for all they have done.

Now let's put these criminals away one by one.

Two Hispanic males, lying there, lost their life for some material things.

Did that money, or the jewelry make it worth the killing of these human beings?

It is sick and I hope these animals get the chance to read this.

Think about it. You may be the next: give your mother a kiss.

That would be something that those others didn't get the chance to do.

I'm sure they would've loved to have had a chance, but they didn't because of YOU.

You are the reason so many people are scared of this place.

But it is something we're going to have to get together and face.

Yes, it's crazy, but it seems as if it's happening every day.

Do you think about it every time your kids go out to play?

God, please help us to come together and make this a safer place.

God, please help us to come together and solve this case.

Letter to the Editor

Thanks are due

Dear Editor:

We want to give a very special thank you to Boots, Bill and Betty Boyer for the donation of their oak trees, palm trees and sod for our beautification project. We also want to thank the Belle Glade Garden Club for the shrubs, Roth Farms for the sod, Mato-Transport for fill, and C & P Maintenance for the use of their equipment.

Last, but not least, thank you to those firefighters who consider the fire station their second home, not just their job. Their landscaping efforts demonstrate their pride and dedication. Thank you to all.

Chief Steve Rice and Lt. Frank Cote
Belle Glade Fire Rescue

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South Bay Medical Center in the South Bay Plaza had a visit from Santa on Dec. 23. He was transported to the center by the South Bay Fire Department and escorted by the South Bay Police Department. Toys were distributed to almost 500 children. The medical center also gave away turkeys and the children were given free hot dogs and drinks. They also enjoyed free train rides.

Over 500 children attended a party and toy give-away at South Bay Medical Center on Dec. 23. Shown is Dr. Salomon Levin and Medical Assistant Maura Garrido with her son who were in attendance at the event.

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spent 15 to 20 years in prison, and 10 years later, I want to work with the school district on work with the children or a law enforcement agency, why can't I?

If I have done my time, changed the way I am, why should this affect my ability to be a successful employee?

What's the point? If you do the crime, do the time, but if you pay your debt to society by spending time in prison for the

crime committed, why are we being double punished by employers who refuse to hire us and hold it against us for something that happened 20 years ago?

You can't change the past. Everybody has skeletons in their closets. Should ex-criminals throw away their dreams just because they have made a mistake in the past? People can change, but will our society recognize this?

It's the new millennium, let's get over it."

Road work is inconvenient

"I noticed where they had the road almost blocked to go out the Belle Glade Marina earlier this week. The bridge on East Canal Street crossing onto SR 880 has also been closed for some time.

It is very inconvenient when these roads are closed for repairs, but I know the work must be done. I just wish we could get some advance notice before they do these things so we can prepare."

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate Samuel Louis Grant who is wanted for armed robbery and petty theft.

Grant is a black male, 6'0" tall, and weighs 220 pounds.

He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is March 11, 1964.

His last known address was 613 S.W. 13th Street, Belle

Glade. His Social Security number is 265-75-2023 and his last occupation was as a laborer. His warrant was active as of January 4, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of Samuel Louis Grant or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

Samuel Louis Grant

Arrest Blotters

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BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 793 complaints and gave 31 traffic citations the week of January 3-10.

Those arrested included:

January 3 - Clifton Jenkins, 44, aggravated domestic battery; Sonyette Barber, 34, petty theft; Adrian Trevino, 18, battery on a law enforcement officer, auto burglary and petty theft.

January 4 - Tracie Cordell, 20, stalking; Barry Williams, 39, failure to appear on charges of possession of cocaine and drug paraphernalia.

January 5 - David Trevino, 21, battery on a law enforcement officer.

January 6 - Daniel Rhodes, 36, warrant for violation of probation.

January 7 - Inez Martinez, 43; aggravated domestic assault; Marvin Carey, 36, sexual battery on a person over 12 years of age.

January 8 - No arrests made.

January 9 - Gustavo Lopez, 33, trespassing after warning and resisting an officer without violence; Carlos Rivera, 19, trespassing after warning and resisting an officer without violence; Jose Garcia, 21, trespassing after warning; Juvenile, 14, failure to appear on a pick up order; Janicka Thomas, 20, second degree attempted murder.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 8 arrests the week of January 2-8.

Those arrested included:

January 2 - Clarence Coney, 25, warrant for violation of probation on charges of driving without a driver's license and order of commitment; Willie Britt, 25, battery on a law enforcement officer and depriving an officer of means of a communication.

January 3 - Jose Figueroa, 22, possession of marijuana under 20 grams.

January 4 - No arrests made.

January 5 - No arrests made.

January 6 - Henry Green, 40, possession of drug paraphernalia.

January 7 - Juan Lopez, 35, warrant for child support; Thomas C. Ringelstein, III, 33, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug paraphernalia.

January 8 - Juvenile, 16, battery.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 133 calls, issued 11 traffic citations and made 7 arrests the week of January 3-9.

Those arrested included:

January 3 - Joanne Walker, 42, warrant for aggravated assault; Dante Thompson, 18, simple battery; Juvenile, 17, simple battery.

January 4 - Abdullah Atieh, 26, two violations of probation warrants, resisting arrest with violence, aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer and battery on a law enforcement officer; Kamal Jammal, 34, obstructing and opposing a police officer.

January 5 - No arrests made.

January 6 - No arrests made.

January 7 - Juvenile, 14, petty theft, battery on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest with violence.

January 8 - Jibey Thompson, 50, domestic battery.

January 9 - No arrests made.

Please note: Any person who is listed in the arrest blotter of *The Sun* and is later found not guilty is encouraged to call the newspaper and let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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Sports this week

Lady Gators record is 4 wins, 4 losses

The Glades Day School Lady Gators varsity record currently stands at 4 wins, 4 losses.

Results of last week's competition: Lost to St. Edwards away, Jan. 4; defeated Kings Academy Jan. 6.

Outstanding team members in last week's play: Hela Barhoush, led the team with 26 points in two games; Carmen Paez was the second highest scorer, with 15 points in two games.

Key play of the game: Bench players Denise Powell and April

Doney stepped up and played when injuries kicked in.

Our team's players of the game: This week we have pulled up three JV players that have added to our team's game plan. Our team's most improved player of the game: Jenna Garrett.

When and where will the team compete in the coming week and against whom? North Lauderdale Prep, away, Jan. 14 at 4 p.m.—new team.

Hollywood, away, Jan. 15 at 4:30

p.m. Last time we played we lost by nine points.

Team members to watch in the upcoming games and why: Sophomores Hela Barhoush and Carmen Paez and junior Peggy Altman—all three make up the core of this year's team.

What our team will have to do to win the next game: Play a tough defense and work the offense to where our top players get into double digits in scoring and bench players pick up the slack.

Sports Spotlight

Name: Carmen Paez

Age: 15

Parents: Jose and Sheri Paez

Sport: Basketball, volleyball and softball.

Position Played: Guard for the Glades Day Lady Gators.

Athletic accomplishments: A three sport player: volleyball, freshman varsity starter—made Palm Beach County first team; Basketball, 8th grade varsity

starter, made Palm Beach County second team in 9th grade; softball, 8th grade starter, made Palm Beach County second team in 9th



Carmen Paez

grade.

Favorite sports: Volleyball is my favorite.

Hobbies and interests: I play club volleyball and travel softball.

My softball team placed 5th in the NSA nationals last year in Jupiter for 14-years-olds.

Who is your hero? Why? I do not have one certain person, but I admire such players as Mia Hane, Sheryl Swooper and Lisa Fernandez who paved the way for young female athletes to follow.

If you could live anywhere and do anything, where would you live and what would you do? Right now I would live in Belle Glade and finish my education, play sports and plan for my college future.

Glades Day Gators stand at 3-8



Ryan Shackelford (35) should be a standout this week.

The Glades Day Gators varsity boys basketball team currently stands at 3-8.

Results of last week's competition: Lost to St. Edwards, 66-48; Kings Academy, 56-51 and to Pompano Beach Highlands 46-30.

Outstanding team members in last week's play: Jesse Montalvo raked up 41 points, 25 rebounds, 17 steals. Jonathon Lively earned 17 points and 22 rebounds.

When and where will the team compete in the coming week and against whom? Jan. 13 Benjamin, 7 p.m.; Jan. 14 North Lauderdale, 7 p.m. and Jan. 15 Hollywood, 4:30 p.m.—all away.

What can you tell us about the teams you will play this week? What happened last

time your team played them? First time we have played each.

Team members to watch in the upcoming games and why: Tony Porter and Ryan Shackelford, who should be full strength after an ankle sprain.

What our team will have to do to win the next game: Need to shoot much better than last three games.

Next week in
The Sun

•Glades Central Soccer
•Pahokee Freshmen basketball
•Glades Day Girls JV
•Glades Central Wrestling

We would your sports news! Fax your results to 886-5209.

Glades Day Jr. High boys are 4-0

The Glades Day Gators Jr. high boys basketball team currently stands at 4-0, defeating LaBelle Jan. 5, 44-32 at home, Kings Academy, 31-15 Jan. 6, away, and University School 38-6 Jan. 8, also away.

Outstanding team members in last week's play: D. J. Brown totaled 49 points, 29 rebounds, 16 steals, and 5 blocks. Rey Towell had 23 points, 14 rebounds, 10 steals, and 3 blocks. Rory Tieder had 10 points, 20 rebounds, 6 steals and 11 blocks. John McNeal had 18 points, 15 rebounds, 10 assists, 9 steals and three blocks. All these guys had a great week, said Coach Brian Seider.

Team members to watch in the upcoming games and why: Justin Garrett (10), John McNeal (44), D.J. Brown, (23), Preston



Glades Day's junior high team is 4-0 so far this season.

Baez—most improved from last year—(22), Rey Towell (14), Lee Gay (35), Rory Tieder (32), Jeff Carter (42), Lery Griffin (24), George Baez (15), Juan Navarro (13), and Nick Wingate (11).

What our team will have to

do to win the next game? The team does a good job of pressuring the ball and causing turnovers. We like to play an uptempo running game.

Editor's note: Glades Day photos by Linda Lee.



The Glades Central Raiders JV boys basketball team includes Jimmie Vincent (12), Jermaine Frederick (15), Curtis Holley (21), Antonio Holmes (24), Joseph Chapple (23), Woody George (44), Brian Thornton (42), Garland Heath (10) and Alphonso Royal (33) with Coach Greg Laws.

(Photo by Tracy Whiles)



The Pahokee High School Blue Devils JV boys basketball team includes Antarius Jackson (5), Breon Collins (42), Keyoniso Bonie (44), William Jenkins (12), Cartavius Phillips (32), Jeterian Davis (10), Pernell Jones (22), Nathaniel Allen (24), and Nicholas Smith (11) with Coach Stan Lowery.

(Photo by Tracy Whiles)

Pahokee Blue Devils Junior Varsity are at 5-2

The Pahokee Blue Devils Junior varsity boys are currently at 5-2, after defeating

Pope John Paul at home Jan. 4, 64-33, followed by a win over Lincoln Park 87-50 on Jan. 6.

Outstanding team members in last week's play: According to JV Coach Stan Lowery, Pernell Jones, Nathaniel Allen and Breon Collins played hard defense and made jawbreaking moves on offense.

Key play of the game: After halftime, a defensive switch to a full court press

finalized the victory over Lincoln Park.

Our team's most improved player of the game: Pernell Jones, Cartavius Phillips, Jeterian Davis and Antarius Jackson.

When and where will the team compete in the coming week and against whom? Pahokee will play Cardinal Newman, away, Tuesday, Jan. 18; Clewiston, away, Thursday, Jan. 20; Pope John Paul II, away Friday, Jan. 21, all at 6 p.m., and John Carroll,

Monday, Jan. 24 at 5 p.m.

before returning home Tuesday, Jan. 25 to face Forest Hill.

Team members to watch in the upcoming games and why: Look out for Nick Smith, Jeterian Davis and Pernell Jones as they zoom past their defenders with janky moves, and quick releases.

What our team will have to do to win the next game: Our team will have to execute all offensive plays, dominate on defense and play as a team.

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Cat Talk From Gove Elementary

Students of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as Students of the Month for the month of December: Kindergarten: Jesus Abreu, Yajaira Cortez, Laura Matos, Harley Vaisallo, Esquial Carda, and Mia Kirchman; First grade: Joel Flores, Khamis Shattara, Rosbel James, Brittany Bacallao, and Arisya Pino; Second grade: Rocio Vasquez, Summer Murray, Le'loni Moore, Lauren Dehoben, Lisbet Beltran, and Eliana Torres; Third grade: Kiera Wilson, Miya Polce, Amanda Prescott, Wito Rodriguez, Daniel Fullwood, Thomas Doney, and Jackery Miller; Fourth grade: Santiago Vital, Selomir Vargas, Sandra Bomanaga, Leonardo Vital, Cameron Carter, and Ashley Felner; Fifth grade: Kalyn Rayburn, Joshua Doney, and Amanda Roman; Six grade: Amanda Martinez, Aaron Waldon, Renee Edwards, Claribel Cardenas, and Heather Hedrick. Again, congratulations for being selected students of the month!

Top volunteers for the month of December

A special thank you to the following people for volunteering the most hours during the month of December: Robert Wheelahan (13 1/2 hrs.), Martin Guzman (18 1/2 hrs.), Tonya Hamilton (35 3/4), Yomackie Leon (25 3/4), Sandra Mendonca (24 3/4), Lucy Mobley (11 1/2), Karen McCarthy (30 3/4), Paula Sevilla (16 1/2), and Tris L. Ruiz-Sorbo (11 1/4). Again thanks for all that you do for our students and our school. Please be reminded that you need to record your volunteer hours if you wish to be selected as Volunteer of the Month. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the Family Center at 993-4042.

Winners of the art and essay contest

Congratulations to the following students for having their art work/essays selected to participate in the Martin Luther King contest in West Palm Beach: Jaime Oliva, Amelia Gutierrez, Oscar Martinez, Yvonne Brown and Jarman Billings. We wish them luck as they compete with other students from Palm Beach County.

Upcoming events

1/15/00—Magnet Fairs Palm Beach and Boyton Malls 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
1/17/00—Holiday Martin L. King's birthday.
1/19/00—MagaSkills 6-7 p.m.
1/20/00—Magnet Open House 9-11 a.m.
SAC 6:30 p.m.

Glades Central's Jennifer Bolden is Governor's High School All-Stars District Winner

Jennifer Bolden, Glades Central High School, Belle Glade, is the School District of Palm Beach County winner for the Governor's High School All-Stars Program for 1999-2000.

Each district high school selected one junior, distinguished in academic achievement, behavior, leadership and community service to represent their school. The district winner selection was based on submitted portfolios and interviews.

In March, the Governor will host a lunch and roundtable discussion for all district winners at the Governor's Mansion.

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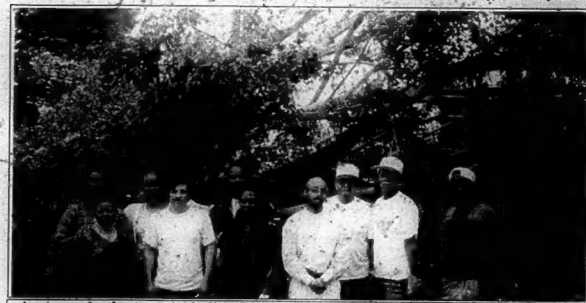
Contrary to exaggerated predictions of doom, the Palm Beach County School District's computer systems sailed into the new millennium without a glitch. From Dec. 31, 1999 to Jan. 2, 2000, Data Management Services (DMS) staff was on hand to bring computer operations and software applications into the 21st Century, and, as expected, found little to correct. Student, Human Resources and Finance systems, PCs, networks, telephones, other computer based systems and equipment were reported as functioning normally. At the same time, the Maintenance and Plant Operations departments staff varied performance of a variety of equipment using embedded chips. Jim Sheehan, DMS Executive Director said, "The flawless transition to the new millennium was due to a comprehensive Y2K project plan executed by the dedicated and professional staff within DMS and tremendous support from the District. Our District showed a successful Y2K transition could be accomplished through the power of teamwork and cooperation."

Dale Blomberg, DMS Y2K project leader was pleased, but not surprised by the smooth rollover into Year 2000. He went on to say that, essentially, the District has been running many systems in a Y2K compliant mode since the beginning of the Year 2000 fiscal year, which began July 1, 1999.

The plan, established over two years ago, outlined the enormous task of preparing all computer systems, PCs, network and telephone equipment for the turn of the mil-

lennium. District Y2K planners worked with Dade County Schools, Palm Beach County, service providers, vendors and other school districts to develop a strategic approach to each of the mission-critical areas of operation.

The plan was designed to replace or replace existing systems in the most cost-effective manner. Application systems that were replaced included payroll/personnel, capital projects, transportation and childcare. The mainframe e-mail system was replaced with a new product, the Totally Automated Office system (TAO). This change brought in e-mail system, with enhanced features, to schools and administrative offices and is expected to save the District \$100,000 per year.

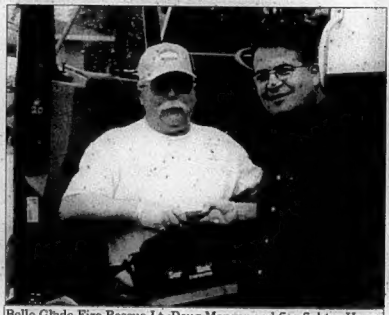


A group of volunteers including Belle Glade city officials gathered last Thursday to assist resident Sandra Daniels in cutting and clearing a large ficus tree that had fallen in her yard on Sixth Street during Hurricane Irene. Pictured, front row left to right, are Mayor Harma Miller, neighbor Oscar Rodriguez, Sandra Daniels, and Belle Glade Community Development Manager Eric Lewis. Back row, left to right, Corey Wilkerson, Commissioner Mary Wilkerson, Commissioner Steve Wilson, Roosevelt Jones, Getchell Singleton and Freddie Davis. Other volunteers donated food and prepared refreshments for the crew, including Janice Bain, Shantae Matthew, Enos Bain, Eva Harris and

Automatic External Defibrillator saves Belle Glade man's life

On Nov. 15 an emergency call came into the Belle Glade Fire Rescue (BGFR) about an individual reportedly unconscious. Lt. Doug Manger, accompanied by Fire Rescuers Hugo Matos and Robert Knig, arrived at the scene to find a man slumped over on a chair, turning blue. "There was no pulse, no time to be nervous," recalls Mr. Matos. "We just used our instincts, placed him on the floor, worked him up and administered the AED." The AED delivered two shocks to the heart and they began CPR. The Advanced Life Support Ambulance arrived while CPR was in progress. A pulse and blood pressure were established and the patient was transported with cardiac protocol.

The Automated External Defibrillator, better known as an AED, has been administered approximately 12 times this year by the (BGFR). This is the first resuscitation that's been considered a save. Defibrillation is a process in which an electronic device helps reestablish normal contraction rhythms in a heart that is not functioning properly. It



Belle Glade Fire Rescue Lt. Doug Manger and fire fighter Hugo Matos display the automatic external defibrillator, which brings new hope to heart attack victims.

does this by delivering an electric shock to the heart. "Without the use of AED, the patient would not have had a chance," said Lt. Manger. "The last we heard was that the patient had become stable and was moved to have open heart surgery."

Initially, this specific AED was

donated just a few weeks earlier by a local resident whose son and husband died of heart related causes. It is one of three AEDs the (BGFR) has. The others were obtained through state grants.

Lt. Manger said the (BGFR) is trying to obtain two additional AEDs by mid 2000.

ARC Golf Tournament set for Saturday

The Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens (AARC) will hold its annual Scramble Golf Tournament at the Belle Glade Municipal Golf Course, teeing off at 9 a.m. on Jan. 15. Golfer registration begins at 8 a.m. and the course requests participants to call in their intention to play by Friday afternoon for handicapping.

The tournament, "Golfing the Glades 2000," is hosted by Board president Denis Roberts and

Tournament co-chairs Tommy Cone and Laura Hoard. Special events at the tournament include a Hole in One 2000 Chevy S-10 pickup truck on #17 courtesy of Steve Moore Chevrolet plus a Reno Golf vacation at the R1 Dorado Resort on #13 and a golf vacation at Rayburn Country Resort in San Rayburn, Texas on #7 and #8 and a million dollar hole on #13. Door prize drawings of golfing equipment, a special drawing for a

Golfer's Treasure Chest valued at over \$500 and a complimentary barbecue with burgers, hot dogs, side dishes and beverages will also be provided.

Registration is \$40.

Proceeds support the Glades Area Association for Retarded Citizens and its services to people in the Glades with mental retardation or other developmental disabilities. Please call the golf course at 996-6606 to register.

Palm Beach County Public Utilities director speaks to CPR

Lawton McCall, Director of Public Utilities for Palm Beach County, was the speaker at the December meeting of CPR (Canal Point Renewal) held in the fellowship hall of Canal Point United Methodist Church. Mr. McCall was invited to the meeting to update CPR members on the status of the replacement of water lines in the Canal Point area known as "the townsite." According to Phase II of the Canal Point water system replacement were to be

accepted, construction will begin in February and should be completed in August. New water lines will be run in front of homes in an area bordered by Canal Street to 5th Street and including Everglades and Bryant Streets. The old water lines, now located behind the homes, will be abandoned.

CPR was recently reactivated to provide a town meeting for the residents of Canal Point. Meetings are held monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The meetings alternate between the fellowship hall of the Canal

Point United Methodist and Canal Point Baptist Churches.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Canal Point Baptist Church. Reports will be given on the replacement of the trees along Connors Highway that were destroyed by Hurricane Irene, the installation of street lights in the town site, and trash receptacles for the new bridge over the canal.

All residents of Canal Point are urged to attend.

Rep. Greene endorses Harper for District 84 seat

Representative Addie Greene announced his endorsement for James Harper, Jr. as a candidate for District 84.

"One of the arguments against term limits is 'Once the representative learns the legislative process, they must leave office.'"

This is just one of the reasons I endorse my legislative assistant, James Harper, Jr., as the best candidate for District 84. Legislative assistants have the advantage over other candidates because of their eight or more years learning this most challenging and difficult process. This acquired knowledge

and experience will be lost if we do not take advantage of our legislative assistants. For example, representative Sharon Merchant and Senator Mandy Dawson-White began their young careers as legislative assistants.

"This candidate for District 84 is someone who is dedicated and very familiar with this unique district. James Harper, Jr., has served in both Houses as my legislative assistant in the Florida House of Representatives and two years in the Florida Senate as Legislative Assistant to Senator Matthew Meadows.

"James Harper Jr.'s involvement in the Urban League, Sickle Cell, the NAACP, president of the Young Democrats, and many other local organizations has made him a role model for the other youth in Palm Beach County."

"I am proud that my term afforded me the opportunity to politically educate many young African Americans. I hope these young people will continue to participate in their local, federal and state governments and bring more young people, no matter what race, creed or color into the political process."

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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Concerned Citizens for Community Improvement, Inc. is the community to the Dr. Martin Luther Commemorative Ceremony on Jan. 17 at the New Hope Missionary Church. The church is led by Rev. P. L. Bass. Bible Church of God, under the leadership of Rev. Jackson, will serve as host church. The messenger will be Minister Sylvester. Choirs and groups will

begin with a hymn in Remembrance at 10. Lineup will begin at 9:30 at Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, where Rev. Larry is the pastor.

March will start at West Street and end in the MLK located on East 5th St., Pahokee. The event will take with a ceremony in the park.

Following the ceremony, there will be other activities held throughout the day.

Magnet Program deadline nears

Palm Beach County District Magnet Program application period is now. Application deadlines for

high schools is January 28 and for elementary it is Feb. 25.

For more information or to receive an application, contact Berta Alvarez, Gove Elementary, at 983-1922.

LensCrafters, Inc. to provide free eye care

Free eye care is being offered to Glades area children by LensCrafters, Inc. and LensCrafters Foundation on Jan. 12-14.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12, the Vision Van will be at Pahokee Elementary to examine students who have been given permission by a parent or guardian to participate. On Thursday, Jan. 13, the Vision Van will be at Kathryn E. Cunningham/Canal Point Elementary and on Friday, Jan. 14, the van will be at Gladesview Elementary in Belle Glade. The van will be at each school from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This unique outreach program is called "Give the Gift of Sight," and has received the president's Volunteer Action Award, the most prestigious honor for volunteer community service.

LensCrafters will also collect unwanted glasses for distribution on optical missions in developing countries, so please feel free to stop by one of the locations with your unwanted eye wear and take a look at the van.

For more information, please contact Kay Zaccagnino at the Palm Beach County School District, West Area at 996-4900, extension 44613.

Free estate planning seminar Jan. 27

Florida Estate Services Attorney A. Patricia Barwick will be offering a free educational presentation on Revocable Living Trusts on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 2:30 p.m. at the Drawbridge Cafe in Belle Glade.

Issues to be discussed include Wills vs. Living Trusts, How to Avoid Probate, Conservatorship and Eliminating Unnecessary Estate Taxes. Reservations can be made by calling (800) 874-8724.

Elections open

Elections are now in the process for the 2000 calendar year for the Palm Beach/Broward County Farm Service Agency. The committee will consist of three regular members from Palm Beach County and two from Broward. Each member represents a local administrative area.

The deadline for nominating petitions is Jan. 21 and ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Feb. 24. The last day to return ballots is March 6.

Nominating petitions and voter's eligibility listing are available at the Farm Service

Agency located at 2975 SR 15 (US 441) Belle Glade. For more information call 996-7900.

Workers needed for Census 2000

The Census 2000 Bureau is in the process of scheduling testing sites for the Glades for positions that will be available in this upcoming census. The positions are part-time and full time, as Census takers, crew leaders and office clerks.

Anyone interested can call Belle Glade City hall at 996-0100 and leave their name and number with the receptionist or call 1-888-325-7733 to find out how and where to apply.

Writing into the new millennium

Pioneer Park Elementary will host Writing Fest 2000 on Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The event will feature Pioneer Park Elementary fourth grade students as writing teachers. Lunch will be served. For further information, please contact Mrs. Ruby Smith at 993-4480.

Fun Day

The Concerned Youth For Community Improvement, Inc. (C.Y.C.I.) and Parents On Patrol (P.O.P.'s) will sponsor a Fun Day in the Park and booths on Monday, Jan. 17 in

celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Booths for this day will be available at a cost of \$25. For more information, please contact Rev. Patricia S. Wallace at 924-7030 or Teresa A. Byrnes at 924-5674 or 924-2006.

Gospel Sing

There will be a gospel sing on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Pahokee Church of the Nazarene.

The church is located at 480 Bacom Point Road and the public is invited to attend.

Montura Fun Fest

Glades residents are invited to participate in the grand opening celebration of the Montura Park and Playground on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Crafters are welcome and there are flea market spaces available and collectors are also welcome.

Booth spaces start at \$10 and food booths are \$25.

The theme for this year's event is "Youth Explosion." For more information, contact Fleen at 941-983-9633 or Pat at 941-983-3581.

Vendor booths available for Black Gold Jubilee

Vendor booth applications are now being accepted for the 2000 Black Gold Jubilee to be

held April 15.

Applications may be obtained from the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce, by mail at P.O. Box 733, Belle Glade, FL 33430, or by calling 993-3343. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2000.

Red Cross needs volunteers

The American Red Cross Glades Area Branch is looking for residents of the Glades area to get involved with various programs and services offered by the American Red Cross.

For more information contact your local American Red Cross at 992-9703.

Bingo every Tuesday

The Pahokee Elks Lodge, East Main Street, offers bingo every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. at the Lodge.

For more information call the Lodge.

Applications are being accepted for PEPPI Head Start

PEPPI Head Start, 200 Southwest 9th Street, Belle Glade, is now accepting applications for three and four year olds for the 1999-2000 school year.

There is no cost and children with disabilities are welcomed. For more information call 996-1718.

SFWMD reports drop in phosphorus flowing into northern Everglades

The fourth consecutive South Florida Water Management District has reported a significant decline in amount of phosphorus in water coming off farms in Everglades Agricultural south of Lake Okeechobee.

total phosphorus reduction the runoff was 49 percent for the period of May 1, to April 30, 1999. The 1994 Everglades Forestry requires EAA farmers to

reduce the total phosphorus in the runoff from their land by 25 percent each year by implementing "best management practices" (BMPs) to cleanse the water. The annual phosphorus load reduction is calculated by comparing the current year's amount with those from the 10-year base period of 1978-1988 before BMPs were in place, adjusted for differences in rainfall between the two periods.

The District normally releases this information in the fall; however, agency organizational changes and time involved in data analysis caused the delay this year.

The state required BMPs to be in place by January 1995. For the last three years, EAA farmers have achieved an average 44 percent reduction over the estimated phosphorus load that would have occurred had they not implemented BMPs.

For the "water year" 1999 (May 1, 1998 to April 30, 1999), they reduced the total phospho-

rus load by 24 percent over the state's requirement for an annual 25 percent reduction.

For "water year" 1999, 128 tons of phosphorus flowed out of the EAA basin (including farms, towns, and industry) compared with the estimated 249 tons of phosphorus had the BMPs not been implemented. Similarly, pre-BMP average concentrations of 173 parts per billion now average 107 parts per billion during the last three-year period with the

BMPs in place, says the District.

The District is preparing an analysis and summary of the overall phosphorus loads to the Everglades from all sources, which will be included in the Everglades Agricultural Area BMP annual report to be published in the spring of 2000.

"While the latest phosphorus measurements continue to show great progress in reducing the loads in EAA runoff, we still have a long way to go," says Frank R. Finch, P.E., Dis-

trict executive director. "We at the District are committed to doing everything we can to ensure we and our partners remain vigilant in delivering clean water to the Everglades as part of the overall restoration."

"Four of our six required stormwater treatment areas are complete, and two are already on-line. These STAs will work in conjunction with the BMPs to deliver even cleaner water to the northern Everglades in the future."

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